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SUBJ: TANK PARTS FOR GREEK ARMY

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1. JUSMAGG HAS PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN
RESPONSE TO REFTEL:

- A. THE M-34 IS A 2 1/2 TON TRUCK;
- B. M-37 IS A 3/4 TON TRUCK;
- C. M-38 AND M-38A1 ARE JEEPS; AND
- D. THE M-47 AND M-48 ARE TANKS.

2. NONE OF THESE ITEMS ARE IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY
INVENTORY EXCEPT M-48 SERIES TANKS. THUS IN NEARLY ALL
CASES PARTS ARE NOT AVAILABLE IN THE US SUPPLY SYSTEM.
THERE IS NOTHING TO RESTRICT A COUNTRY FROM BUYING PARTS
WHEREVER AVAILABLE.

3. WE KNEW THAT THE HELLENIC ARMED FORCES SENT LISTINGS
OF REPAIR PARTS REQUIRED FOR M-24 AND M-47 TANKS (ALSO
NOT AVAILABLE FROM US MILITARY SUPPLY SYSTEM) TO ALL DEFENSE
ATTACHES IN EUROPE AND THE US. THE VALUE OF THE PARTS
NEEDED IS \$500,000-\$700,000. THE GREEK BUDGET HAS
\$800,000 AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE OF SPARE PARTS IN THIRD
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COUNTRIES. (THEY MAY WELL HAVE DONE THE SAME FOR THE OTHER

EQUIPMENT LISTED ABOVE.)

4. ABOUT TWO MONTHS AGO A GREEK (NAME UNAVAILABLE) VISITED THE HELLENIC ARMY COMMAND STATING HE COULD OBTAIN REPAIR PARTS AT BELOW COST (BOOK VALUE). HAC PERSONNEL URGED HIM TO SUBMIT A LISTING OF AVAILABLE PARTS AND COST. THIS HAS NOT YET BEEN DONE.

5. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ABOUT AN ANDREAS TSEKOURAS DOING BUSINESS AT 75 FRANTZ STREET, ATHENS (PARA 2, REFTEL). HOWEVER, THERE IS AN ANDREAS TSECOURAS ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF TSECOURAS S.A., 23 CANIGOS, ATHENS, TELEPHONE 622-122. THIS COMPANY IS AN IMPORTER AND DISTRIBUTOR OF CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY. THE COMPANY WAS ESTABLISHED 1968. MOST RECENT EMBASSY REPORT ON COMPANY (1973) SAID IT ENJOYED GOOD REPUTATION AMONG LOCAL BANKING CIRCLES. FINANCIAL REFERENCES WERE: NATIONAL BANK OF GREECE; COMMERCIAL BANK OF GREECE; CREDIT BANK. US COMPANY WHICH REQUESTED REPORT WAS DRAKE AMERICA CORP., 477 MADISON AVENUE, N.Y. 10022. KUBISCH

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